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1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The written opinion established by ISA is <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> regarded as the opinion of IPEA.
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3. The applicant is required to respond to this opinion.
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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE IPEA

International application No.  
PCT/JP2004/019324

I. Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion is based on the following:

☒ The international application in the language in which it was filed

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this opinion is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this opinion as "originally filed")*.

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V. Reasoned statement under Rule 13 (PCT Rule 66.2 (a)(ii)) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

## 1. STATEMENT

Novelty (N)	Claims 1-15	YES
	Claims NONE	NO
Inventive Step(IS)	Claims NONE	YES
	Claims 1-15	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims 1-15	YES
	Claims NONE	NO

## 2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Document 1: JP 03-109591 A

Document 2: JP 2003-121791 A

## (1) Inventions relating to Claims 1-15

The invention described in the document 1 relates to a projector using a laser light source, which is able to reduce speckle noises without vibrating a screen.

In the reduction method described in the document 1, a polarization state modulator for temporally modulating the polarization state of laser light is disposed on the projector body side, and birefringent crystal particles are applied to the screen surface on the projection side, whereby the laser light is transmitted through the polarization state modulator and the birefringent crystal particles to reduce speckle noises.

On the other hand, in [0015] ~ [0019] of the document 2, there is described a method for reducing speckle noises by polarizing laser light in an appropriate orientation and then transmitting the laser light a birefringent material, i.e., a structure in which a birefringent material is disposed in series immediately behind a polarization element.

In the device described in the document 1, it is easily conceived to select a position immediately behind the polarization state modulator as a position where the birefringent crystal particles are disposed, and an effect obtained by this structure is also predictable.

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